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TAGS: ENRG, YE

SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION IN YEMEN

1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MUHAMMAD AL-JUNAYD TOLD ME ON JULY 12 THAT SHELL COMPANY HAS NOW DECIDED TO STOP ITS OFFSHORE DRILLING BECAUSE IT IS DISCOURAGED BY RESULTS THUS FAR. SHELL HAS ASKED TO DRILL ONSHORE IN THE TIHAMA AND THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT HAS RELUCTANTLY AGREED.

2. AL-JUNAYD, IN ALMOST PLEADING MANNER, ASKED ME TO FIND AN AMERICAN COMPANY WITH "DARING AND EXPERIENCE", WHICH WOULD BE PREPARED TO SOME IN AND TAKE UP WHERE "TIMID" SHELL HAS LEFT OFF. HE TOLD ME THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE ALL INFORMATION WHICH SHELL HAS OBTAINED AND WILL COOPERATE IN ANY AND EVERY WAY.

3. COMMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF AL-JUNAYD'S REQUEST FOR AN AMERICAN DRILLING COMPANY WOULD BE PASSED TO THE AMERICAN OIL COMMUNITY. WHILE THE GEOLOGY SEEMS TO BE WRONG, EXPERTS HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVED WRONG IN THE PAST. SCOTES

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